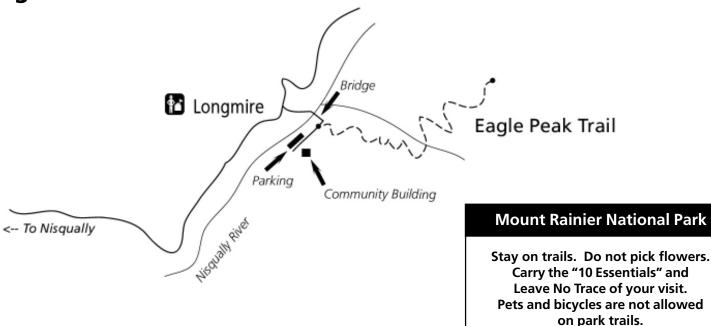


## Eagle Peak Saddle



Eagle Peak Trail climbs through old growth forest and offers spectacular views of Mount Rainier and the Tatoosh Range. The trail stops at the saddle, but an unmaintained trail leads to the peak.

Eagle Peak was originally known as Sim-layshe, an Indian word for eagle. When the Longmire family settled nearby, George Longmire anglicized its name.

## **Trail Description**

Round-trip Distance: 7.2 miles Elevation Gain: 2955 feet Hiking time round-trip: 5 hours Difficulty Level: Strenuous

**Trailhead:** Walk (or drive) past the Longmire plaza and follow the main road through the employee housing area.

Cross the suspension bridge. Follow the road another 50 feet, and you'll see the trailhead on the left. Parking is available at the Community Building, a short distance beyond the trailhead.

Do not feed or approach wildlife.
Use a topographical map.
Permit required for wilderness camping.

Beware: this is not an early season hike due to steep snow slopes. Use extreme caution beyond the maintained trail.

## Along the Trail

Most of the trail lies in virgin forest where hikers can enjoy the beauty of tall timber and look for wildlife among the tree branches and in the forest understory. In summer, lush subalpine flower fields surround the last .5 mile of trail. Panoramic views await the hearty hiker who reaches Eagle Peak's saddle!